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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified national phase application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4 and 7, and add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

At claim 4, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 3" with --claim 3--.

7. (Amended) A manufacturing method of a security thread, comprising a step of covering peripheries of a core member comprising a soft magnetic fiber or [a core member comprising] the soft magnetic fiber and a core thread and a thermal welding thread disposed in the vicinity of said core member with a cover member comprising a nonmetal material.

--8. The security thread according to claim 2, wherein said soft magnetic fiber comprises an amorphous metal ribbon.

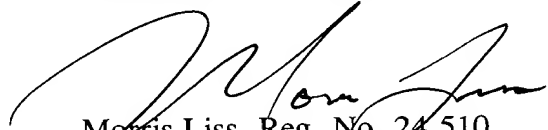
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9. The security thread according to claim 3, wherein said soft magnetic fiber comprises an amorphous metal ribbon.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are now pending in this application. Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the changes made in the International Application under Article 19. Claim 4 has been amended to eliminate its multiple dependency, and new claims 8 and 9 are the recitations of claim 4 dependent from claims 2 and 3, which dependencies were eliminated in the amendment to claim 4. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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